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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY EVACUATION

REF: (A) ASMARA 360 (NOTAL); (B) ADDIS 5657 (NOTAL)

1. DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF JAPANESE PEACE
CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF AMERICANS
IN ASMARA.

2. ON INSTRUCTION GOI ITALIAN COUNSELLOR SALIMEI DISCUSSED
WITH AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE POSSIBLE JOINT U.S.-ITALIAN ACTION
IN EVENT EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM ETHIOPIA NECESSARY.
SALIMEI AGREED RAPID EVACUATION WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT
BUT ASKED IF ITALIAN AND U.S. EMBASSIES IN ADDIS COULD
WORK TOGETHER IF EMERGENCY AROSE, INCLUDING CLOSE COORDINA-
TION IN ALERTING U.S. AND ITALIAN NATIONALS OF EMERGENCY
SITUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION BY OUR NATIONALS. COOTE
REPLIED THAT DEPT HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH
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JOINT ACTION BUT BEFORE GIVING DEFINITIVE RESPONSE DEPT

WOULD WANT TO OBTAIN EMBASSY ADDIS' VIEWS AS TO FEASIBILITY OF SUCH ARRANGEMENT.

3. SALIMEI ALSO STATED THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY HAD SOUGHT AGREEMENT OF RADIO VOICE OF GOSPEL (RVG) TO BROADCAST E AND E INFORMATION TO ITALIAN EXPATRIATES IN ETHIOPIA IN

EMERGENCY. RVG REPLIED THAT BEFORE IT COULD MAKE ANY SUCH PROMISE ITALIANS WOULD HAVE TO SECURE IEG'S CONSENT. GOI BELIEVES THAT IT IS INADVISABLE TO APPROACH IEG ON SUCH MATTER AT THIS TIME AND HAS INQUIRED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING INFORMAL RVG AGREEMENT TO EMERGENCY BROADCASTS. AGAIN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REACTION AS TO WHETHER IT COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH RVG.

4. SINCE USE OF RVG FACILITIES PART OF OUR E AND E PLAN, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW RVG AGREEMENT TO MAKE EMERGENCY INFORMATION BROADCASTS WAS OBTAINED AND IF AGREEMENT STILL STANDS. RUSH

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